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Woman arrested on multiple drug charges

Officials discover large quantity of Meth (ICE) at residence on County Road 359

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton held a press conference Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4, and confirmed a large amount of methamphetamine (ICE) had been seized by officials.

Sutton said Coffee County investigators, along with the assistance of ALEA [Alabama Law Enforcement Agency], executed a search warrant in the 200 block of Coffee County Road 359 at approximately 3:29 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

"During this search more than 28 grams of Meth (ICE) and drug paraphernalia were discovered in the residence," the sheriff said. "That is a good amount of ICE."

Sutton said Heather Smith Jones, age 42, of Elba was taken into custody and charged with trafficking methamphetamine, distribution of a controlled substance, and possession



Elba City Council approves application for grant to make improvements at Hawkins Williams Park

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council Monday night, Jan. 8, did not cause any earth shattering reactions but did result in approving application for a \$293,192.50 recreation facility upgrade grant. The work would be done

Elba man arrested in Opp on multiple charges including attempted murder

From
The Andalusia Star News

An Elba man is facing attempted murder and robbery charges for his role in a New Year's Eve shooting that occurred on Hardin Street in Opp.

Law enforcement officials said John Patrick Burrell was confronted by Donta Rogers at gunpoint.

"Rogers made contact with Burrell, pointed the gun at him and tried to rob him for 'everything he had.' Burrell and Rogers got into a tussle, and then

this grant money would probably not be available until either late 2018 or for the 2019 fiscal year, according to information given to council members.

The council approved Southern Engineering Solutions to handle the project if grant funds are approved.

Assistant City Clerk Pat Boothe reported on progress within various city departments. Two items stand out.

First, the long awaited Corp of Engineers repairs on the Elba levee are underway. The flaws being addressed were first uncovered during the flood of December, 2015.

Carter Construction of Andalusia is handling the project. The Corp contract with Carter Construction dictates that the repair work on the levee will be completed by late April of this

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Woodman cash gift helps restore historic Folsom homeplace

A hefty donation was made recently by Woodman of the World Lodge 1932 of Elba to help with the restoration of the historic Jim Folsom home. The building was relocated in 2002 from North Coffee County site it occupied for many, many years to a lot adjacent to the historic Coffee County Jail on Putnam Street, in Elba. The Lodge donated \$2,000 to purchase lumber and other materials needed to restore and preserve the 1830 building. Mike Russell volunteered his construction crews, at no financial cost to the Preservation Committee, to do the actual work of restoring the historic old home. Pictured above are: Charles Windham, area Woodman manager, Nell Gilmer Lodge member and Preservation Committee member; Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock, Lodge member Bob Edmondson presenting the check on behalf of Lodge 1932, Linda Westbook, Woodman Marketing Rep and Jean Helms, Restoration Committee member.



12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tom Anderson addresses media during a press conference held Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Coffee County Sheriff's Office in New Brockton. Anderson announced that the governor's office had made a \$5,000 reward available for information leading to the capture and prosecution of the person(s) responsible for the November 2017 murder of Sara Starr. Shown with Anderson is Sheriff Dave Sutton (l).

District Attorney Tom Anderson announces a \$5,000 reward in Sara Starr murder case

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tom Anderson announced a reward Thursday, Jan. 4, in the ongoing investigation of the Sara Starr murder.

Starr, a mother of four children, was killed Monday, Nov. 27, at her residence on County Road 647 near Enterprise. At the time of her death, Starr also was a fourth grade teacher at an elementary school in Enterprise.

She was 36-years-old at the time of her murder.

During a press conference held last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4, at the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, the district attorney said he and Sheriff Dave Sutton and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth wanted to remind the community and people of Coffee County

that all agencies involved with this murder investigation are still meeting regularly and following up on any and all leads they receive.

Anderson said the FBI, SBI, Enterprise Police and, of course, the District

Neuwien qualifies as candidate for Coffee County Sheriff

Enterprise law enforcement officer Skip Neuwien qualified to run as a candidate for Coffee County Sheriff on Monday, Jan. 8, with Coffee County Republican Committee Chairman Jason Bruce.

Neuwien, age 49, has

lived in Coffee County for

40 years. After graduation

from Enterprise High

School in 1987, he went

into the car business, where

he worked his way from the

wash rack, to service manager,

to the sales floor.

After 15 years in the car

business, he became a law

enforcement officer with

Attorney's Office and Coffee County Sheriff's Department have been involved in this investigation. He added

that two investigators with the sheriff's department have worked this case exclusively since it began.

Whitworth

assured that those two investigators would remain on the case until it is closed.

"The main reason we are here today though is to announce that Governor Kay Ivey's office has

authorized a reward of \$5,000 for the apprehension and prosecution of any person or persons involved with the death of Sara Starr," Anderson said.

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Sheriff Sutton

extended thanks to the governor for

securing this reward

money, and he said he would be glad to award it to someone if it meant getting the person responsible for Starr's death.

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Anderson, a father of three young children himself, said any murder case certainly affects those working on it, but this one definitely is difficult.

He noted that Starr was close to his age as well.

"You have four young children that no longer have their mother," he said.

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Skip Neuwien

has accumulated over 1,100 hours of law enforcement

specific training to include

response to domestic

violence, interview

and interrogation,

use of force, gang

investigation, drug

interdiction, and

advanced murder investigation.

Neuwien credits his time in the District Attorney's office for his keen understanding of the Alabama Criminal Code from a prosecutor's perspective and knowledge of taking a case to trial and obtaining a conviction.

If elected, Neuwien plans to make the Coffee County Sheriff's Office a more productive and efficient law enforcement agency, and thereby, improve the safety of Coffee County citizens and those who travel through it. One way he proposes to do that is to use process servers to serve court papers, which will allow deputies to spend

Area Happenings

THE ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD will have a Special Called Board Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 pm. at the Central Office on the Elba City Schools campus.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. As always, to report a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In politics, absurdity is not a handicap." — Napoleon Bonaparte

Last week we saw a headline on a national publication's website that read - "Trump is always going to be a big story but in 2018 he can't be the only story." Don't know what was in the article, but we liked the headline and agree wholeheartedly.

An amusing Trump headline quoted him as claiming credit for no United States fatal commercial airline crashes in 2017. Well there have not been any for the last several years, but if he is responsible, we want him to keep saving lives. In fact it might be us that books a (hopefully successful) commercial flight in 2018!

We don't blame all this on President Trump, but he has endorsed (and signed off on) the recent tax cut that our Senators and Representatives are so proud of passing. Yet we sit here and offer our apologies to your grandchildren for allowing the lawmakers to kick the can down the road and strut around claiming to have done so much to help "the working people". Actually they just saddled later generations with paying for our ever-increasing deficit spending. That is after causing those of us now living to pay a silent tax on EVERYTHING we buy because of a steadily decreasing valuation (buying power) of the American dollar.

A personal example of the above and the way government policies impacted us as an individual: In 1956 we went off to school and landed a part time summer job paying a whopping 75¢ per hour. We were proud of that weekly check and frankly it would buy more "things" than the present minimum wage. Deficit spending has been with us almost forever and things like the above are the direct results. Oh, we don't believe in "going back to those 'good ole days' of yesterday" but would like to see some effort to slow, and/or reverse, deficit spending, not expand it. Just imagine the yearly interest on our 20 plus trillion (and growing) debt. Putting that amount of money into improving roads, feeding, clothing and housing the hungry, etc., would make the United States an even better place to live.

A heartbreaking quote was the headline in a West Alabama newspaper last week. This four year old called the police station and said, "Somebody just shot my mama". We did read that article and the mother of four died shortly after police got there. It could have been worse . . . she had a two-month child in bed with her when she was shot (with a shotgun). Fortunately the baby was unharmed.

We almost want to cry to think that elections are again on the front burner in Alabama! As of this week the candidates can start qualifying for state and local offices. Alabama has some eager candidates as they began qualifying for both local, district and state offices Monday morning as soon as the offices accepting qualifying papers opened their doors. We already see some "good ones" in the mix but alas there also some "not so good" candidates on the early qualifier list. Ironically some of them will be elected and the majority will think they are happy while we will be in the back office crying! However the beauty of our form of democracy is that it continues to survive the weaklings — so far.

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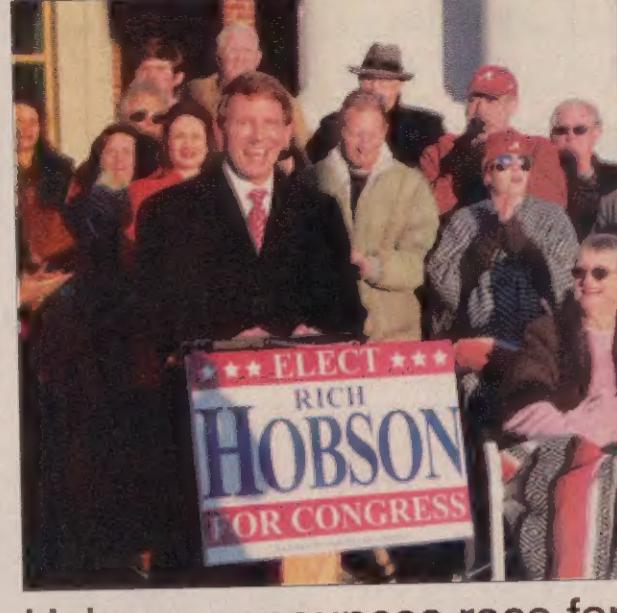
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**Hobson announces race for District 2 U. S. House seat**

Rich Hobson has declared as a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, representing the 2nd Congressional District, which covers the Southeast part of Alabama and includes Coffee County. Martha Roby is the incumbent in that seat and is expected to seek a fifth term in the office. Both are Republicans.

Other announced Republican candidates for the office include State Representative Barry Moore, of Enterprise and Tommy Amason of Autauga County.

Hobson made his official announcement a week ago in several stops, which began early Wednesday morning Montgomery and ended in Enterprise.

Hobson was educated in the Enterprise school system and attended Enterprise Community College before transferring to the University of Alabama.

He is the son of Charlotte Hobson and the late Richard Hobson of Elba.

Dr Hobson, 56 years old, now lives in Montgomery with his wife of 35 years, Susie who was also educated in the Enterprise school system. They attend Lakeview Baptist Church and are the parents of two married daughters and have a grandson and granddaughter.

Hobson was the administrative director of the Alabama Judicial System while Judge Roy Moore served as chief justice. Most recently, Hobson served as Roy Moore's campaign manager for the 2017 U.S. Senate special election.

Hobson has also served as the executive director of the Foundation for Moral Law, a nonprofit legal organization that fights for religious liberties across the nation.

In his announcement speech he made it clear that he still strongly supports the issues that his former boss, Roy Moore supports.

He said, "I plan to work hard in this campaign to restore the values that made us great. Just like the Greatest Generation saved our country in World War II, I want to be part of the generation that fights to save our country from those who seek to destroy our values."

Hobson said his priorities in Congress would be to prioritize spending to rebuild the military, to "put America on a path to permanent prosperity," in part by making taxes the lowest in the world, and "reminding America what made us great, our Judeo-Christian values."

Hobson said he supported President Trump's policies, calling for a full repeal of Obamacare and the construction of a border wall along the Mexican border.

Hobson said before a wall can be built, the government should use the military to secure the border.

Hobson recently signed a Term Limits Pledge, promoted by U. S. Term Limits (USTL). The group boasts of more than 50 pledge signers in Congress. The pledge is a promise to vote for a limit of three terms (six years) in the House of Representatives and two terms in the Senate (12 years).

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 1, investigated the following incidents: three for domestic violence, one harassment, one theft of property, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one trespassing, one assault, and one for property damage.

Arrests made during the week included: seven for failure to appear, and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for an expired tag, twelve for speeding, two for a revoked driver's license, two for not using a seat belt, and one for no driver's license.

MONDAY, JAN. 1 — Coffee County EMS dispatched to 973 Harper Dr. (2:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 429 Private Rd. 1506 (8:49 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire at 14593 Hwy. 84 (12:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 189 S near County Rd. 417 (2:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 100 Beaver Dam St., Apt. E6 (8:17 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 2 — Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1866 County Rd. 321 (7:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at Hwy. 134 and County Rd 410 (4:58 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3 — Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1316 Neil Grantham Dr. (12:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 100 Beaver Dam St., Apt. D4 (4:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1020 County Rd. 114 (5:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2097 County Rd. 420 (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2252 Hwy. 189 (9:43 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched for lift assist at 2252 Hwy. 189 (10:04 a.m.); Coffee

County EMS dispatched to 2541 County Rd. 349 (2:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1203 Caroline St. (3:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 122 Private Rd. 1303 (5:47 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 122 Private Rd. 1303 (5:59 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on E. Davis St. near National Security (6:27 p.m.).

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"I also think wonder about her students. I am sure they realize by now what happened."

While he said not much

he said.

The district attorney said countless hours have been dedicated to this investigation, but officials cannot

tell the public everything they have learned at this point because they do not want to compromise the investigation in any way.

"We are working as a team," Sheriff Dave Sutton said. "We are moving forward [with this investigation, not moving backwards.]"

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Anderson did request the public's assistance with any information that might

help investigators with the case. He said this appeal particularly goes out to anyone in or around the area of the deceased's residence, especially around the week of Thanksgiving.

"We ask anyone who may have seen anything during that time to contact us [the sheriff's office or the district attorney's office]," Anderson said. "We will follow up on any and all leads."

The district attorney concluded his remarks by saying, "I am extremely confident that the leads we are following up on right now are pointing in all the right directions."

Sheriff Sutton said officials would continue to update the public as this investigation continues.

While he said not much could really be said about the status of the investigation at this point because officials did not want to say anything that might impede it, Anderson did say that analysis from search warrants and subpoena services had begun to come back to them.

"I can say that I feel very strongly that we are headed in the right direction [with this investigation],"

NEUWIEN

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more time enforcing the law. This is a priority for him as there are just not enough State Troopers to do the job—there are only 20 troopers for five counties (including Houston).

Training will also be a priority for Neuwen. He would like to make the Coffee County Sheriff's Office a training center for area deputies and corrections officers.

He says case law changes frequently, and a serious liability could result if per-

sonnel are not kept updated. Alabama law enforcement officers must receive a minimum of 12 hours of training annually to maintain their certification—Neuwen believes that is not enough, and if elected, he plans to provide more.

He states that he would never ask one of his deputies to do something that he wouldn't do himself.

Skip and his wife, Natalie, have three daughters—Samantha, Sarabeth,

and Sydney. He said they gave him new perspective on not only life, but on being a cop. He said he wants as much safety for all Coffee County citizens as he wants for his family.

Neuwen emphasizes that he is not a politician, but a law enforcement officer who believes if we can change one person's life, we will affect so many more.

The Republican Primary election will be held June 5, 2018.

Farmers Federation endorses Rep. Mike Jones for Alabama's House District 91

FarmPAC, the political action committee of the Alabama Farmers Federation, has announced its endorsement of Rep. Mike Jones Jr. for State House of Representatives District 92, which covers Coffee, Covington and Escambia counties.

"Rep. Jones has worked hard representing us in Montgomery, and we know he will continue to do so for the next four years," said Coffee County Farmers Federation President Max Bozeman. "He has dedicated his life to public service, and he knows the farmers and the people of this district. He will continue to see to it that we are well represented in the



Rep. Mike Jones

Legislature."

Jones received his bachelor's degree from Birmingham Southern College and his juris doctor degree from the University of Alabama. He served on the Andalusia City Council from 2000-2008 and as

mayor pro tem from 2004-2008. He is a member of the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce and serves in various community and civic organizations including the Andalusia Downtown Redevelopment Authority, Alabama Eater Seals and the NRA.

"I am honored to receive the Alabama Farmers Federation's endorsement," Jones said. "We share conservative values, and I look forward to working with the Federation and all members of District 92 for another four years."

Jones and his wife, Kathy, have two daughters. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Andalusia.

January is radon action month

ADPH offers free radon test kits

Do you know that winter is the perfect time to protect the health of yourself and your family from radon?

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, and is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

"The Environmental Protection Agency estimates radon causes 21,000 deaths in the U.S. a year," said David Walter, director of the Office of Radiation Control, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). "The best time to test for radon is during the colder months, when your home is closed and radon levels are likely to build to their highest concentrations. So this is the time of year to test your home for cancer-causing radon gas, and we encourage you to urge friends and family to test their homes as well."

High levels of indoor radon have been found in many areas of Alabama; however, radon appears to occur most frequently in homes across the Tennessee Valley and in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains from Jefferson and Shelby counties through Cleburne County. Because radon is a colorless, odorless gas that occurs naturally in soil and rocks through the breakdown of uranium, testing is the only way to know the radon level in a home.

Radon test kits weigh only a few ounces and cost about \$15. Testing for radon should be done on the lowest level of the home on which the occupants spend time, so a fin-

ished basement or a basement containing a workshop is a good place to test. Kitchens are not recommended testing areas.

"Testing directions are on the kit, and it only takes a few days to obtain a sample," Walter said. "It is easy to perform a radon test on your home."

While radon test kits are available at many larger home improvement stores, Alabama homeowners can order kits online through the National Radon Program Services at sosradon.org. In addition, one free test kit per residence is available at alabamapublichealth.gov/radon.

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LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Sheriff's Captain Michael Hines graduates from FBI National Academy Program

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton announces the graduation of Captain Michael Hines from the 270th Session of the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia, on Dec. 15, 2017.

The 270th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 49 states, as well as members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 20 international countries, three military organizations, and four federal civilian organizations. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 11 weeks of advanced communication, law, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies.

President Donald J. Trump, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and FBI Director Christopher Wray delivered remarks at the graduation ceremony.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia



Captain Michael Hines

due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

The graduating officers were represented by the class spokesperson, Craig Wiles, Drug Enforcement Administration, New Orleans, Louisiana. A total of 50,587 graduates now represent the alumni of the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935.

Miss Zion Chapel pageants registration extended

Altrusa is extending the Miss Zion Chapel Pageant registration to this Sunday at the Mother/Daughter Tea.

Forms can be accessed from the Miss Zion Chapel Facebook page or by contacting Pam Grantham at pgrantham1869@gmail.com. Altrusa will be accepting forms up until the Mother/Daughter Tea on

Sunday, January 14th.

The tea will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All contestants should be prepared to have their Photogenic Pictures taken at this time (see registration forms for more information).

For more information, contact Pam Grantham at pgrantham1869@gmail.com

or visit the Miss Zion Chapel Pageants Facebook page.

This year's pageant will be an open pageant, with the exception of Little Miss and Miss Zion Chapel. All Little Miss and Miss Zion Chapel contestants must be zoned for the Zion Chapel School District and either be a student or graduate of Zion Chapel Schools.

Coffee County Cattlemen's Association plans annual meeting for Jan. 19th in New Brockton

The Coffee County Cattlemen's association will hold its annual meeting and steak supper on Friday, Jan. 19, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

The meeting is open to all renewed, non-renewed, or interested persons. The cost to join or renew membership in the Coffee County Cattlemen's association is \$50 and can be paid at the door.

The membership dues include the annual steak supper, a yearlong subscription to Alabama Cattlemen magazine, discounts at various businesses, programs available to youth, and much more.

The annual meeting will begin with pickin' and grinnin' at 5 p.m. followed by supper at 5:30 and the annual meeting and cake auction immediately thereafter.

Coffee County Cattlemen's Association President Chuck Tice invites anyone interested in the organization to attend the annual meeting.

"The annual meeting is a great opportunity to visit with fellow cattlemen along with those supporting the organization, as well as elected officials and community leaders," he said.

Even if not a cattle owner, consider joining the Cattlemen's association. The Alabama Cattlemen's Association (ACA) has a long history of working to protect the right of the private property owner and works with regulatory agencies like ADEM.

Nationally, ACA works with the Alabama congressional delegation to support

the elimination of the death tax which helps small businesses and property owners. ACA works to protect "current use" legislation, which keeps forestry and agricultural property taxes amongst the lowest in the nation.

ACA serves as a member of the Alabama Department of Transportation task force on improving your roads and highways and on a number of coalitions that work for pro-business laws, such as the Tort Reform. ACA also works closely with the Department of Conservation on hunting and fishing laws and regulation and other Ag organizations to enhance economic development in rural Alabama.

For more information on the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, contact Mr. Tice at 334-470-0984 or visit www.bamabeef.org.

Arts Alliance brings Fleetwood Mac tribute show to Elba

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac, a Tribute Show, will perform Thursday, Jan. 18, in Elba at 7 p.m.

The concert will be at the Elba High School auditorium, and it is sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

Rumours is the country's premier Fleetwood Mac tribute band. Based in Atlanta, Ga., Rumours captures the energy of Fleetwood Mac at the height of the band's career by blending perfect harmonies, precise instrumentation and a visually engaging stage show.

Rumours' dedication to recreating the Fleetwood Mac experience has skyrocketed their popularity, garnering a loyal fan base. Fleetwood Mac, formed in London in 1967, is a British-American rock band. Initially conceived as a hard-edged British blues combo, the band gradually evolved into a polished pop rock act over the course of a decade.

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RUMOURS



FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

by Bradley's and Wildflowers Florist & Gifts. Individual ticket prices are as follows:

• Purchased in advance: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students; • Purchased the day of the event: \$30 for adults, \$23 for students.

Coffee County Extension office set as weigh-in site Jan. 23rd for ScaleBack Alabama event

The Alabama Cooperative Extension office/SNAP ED [Coffee County Extension Office], at 1055 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., will be serving as weigh-in site for the state's largest weight-loss and exercise program, Scale Back Alabama.

In its 12th year, the program has resulted in 1.35 million pounds lost and the continued establishment of healthy lifestyles. The 2018 contest starts next week.

Adults in teams of two

can go online to scalebackalabama.com/join to register for the free, 9-week program and then go to the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton to weigh in Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. All participants must be 18 years of age and older, live or work in Alabama and must weigh-in at an official site to be eligible to participate.

Scale Back Alabama is a collaboration of the Alabama Hospital Association, the Alabama Department of Public Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

For more information, visit scalebackalabama.com or visit Scale Back Alabama's Facebook page.

Those who lose at least 10 pounds will be included in a drawing for cash prizes on April 17.

"At SNAP-ED we know the importance of good health and also realize that our community could use some healthy tips and encouragement," said SNAP-ED agent assistant Sheila Dorriety. "People working to lose weight are more successful with support and encouragement, and Scale Back Alabama offers a fun way to team up with another individual to get healthy".

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LBWCC offering MSSC Certified Production Technician 6-week course

LBW Community College in Opp is offering a six-week MSSC Certified Production Technician course on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Jan. 23 - March 1, 2018.

Classes will be held in the Industrial Electronics classroom on the MacArthur Campus.

The CPT Certification addresses the core technical competencies of higher skilled production workers in all sectors of manufacturing.

The Production Technician course provides the student the foundational, production knowledge applicable to entry-level production technician jobs in the manufacturing industry and prepares student to take the Safety Manufacturing Skills Standards Council Certified Production Technician certification assessment.

The cost of the course is \$355 per participant and covers the cost of the MSSC CPT Safety certification assessment.

Scholarship funds are available to cover MSSC Certification Exam Fees for qualified individuals.

Space is limited. Students may register in person in the Student Services Office Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon.

For more information call (334) 493-5315 or jmh@lbwcc.edu.

Ma-Chis Indian

Tribe meeting

set for Jan. 13

There will be a Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama scholarship meeting Saturday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m.

The meeting will be at Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Office, 64 Private

Road 1312, Elba, Ala. GPS Address 2950 County Road

377, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Indian Education for Ma-Chis tribal members will be the subject of discussion.

For any questions, feel free to contact Chief James Wright at the following:

machis@centurytel.net or

(334) 897-3207.

Deadline for Lifestyles Page is Monday before 5 p.m.

Lucas James Magwood born Dec. 30th

Lucas James Magwood was born on December 30, 2017 at Medical Center

Enterprise to Stephen and Karizmah Magwood. He

weighed 6 lbs 6 oz.

Grandparents are Kenneth & Marilyn Yelverton and Helena Myers; Stephen Magwood Sr. & Tina Johnson

Great-grandparents are E. J. & Gladys Yelverton, Great-Great Grandmother Versie Mae Cole.

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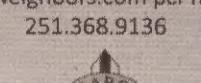
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Heart Work

When God begins a season of sifting in your life, the first thing to be tested is the ballast in your life, which is your heart. You can't see it, but the refining of the heart will affect everything else you do. The heart is not about skill, gifting, or even calling. It's the core of everything you do. It's where you respond to God, it's where you process events and deliberate decisions. The single best thing you can do is give yourself to God during this time.

When something is challenging as this happening to us, we shouldn't spend too much time trying to figure out who is causing it. The choice we face is simple: will we trust God and look to Him throughout the difficulty we face, regardless of the cause or not? Read John 16:33. When we live in Christ, resting in what He provides for us and promises us, renews our hearts. How do we make it through this sifting process with our heart?

First, don't compare yourself to others. Give God time to develop and implement His dream within your life. Focus your attention on contribution not just achievement. Each of us can make a contribution and when we do, we find our achievements to be far greater than we ever imagined.

Secondly, humble yourself. Knowing how to humble yourself is a key to experiencing God being strong on your behalf. (James 4:6). Are you willing to forego taking credit and passing it on to others instead or do you have to have your name in everything?

Thirdly, discipline yourself. Read 1 Timothy 4:7. Paul instructs Timothy to take time in private to prepare for what is public. And no one can do those preparations—your daily devotions, your time at home. Your relationship with your spouse, your children, your thoughts—for you. Working on the things that are mostly unseen will directly affect that which is visible to everyone.

Fourthly, encourage yourself. Read 1st Samuel 30:6. David talks to his discouragement and says, "Snap out of it! Get back to trusting God! Quit grumbling and start praising!" When all you have is Jesus, remember that you and Jesus make a majority. Cry out to Him. He will never allow you to go through a valley without returning to you something that is of greater value.

REMEMBER: Sometimes you don't realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got.

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

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Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN

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CHURCH

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

CHURCH

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

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METHODIST

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Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE

CHURCH

Larry Mills-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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CHURCH

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Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST

CHURCH

Shirlee Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Kevin Byrd

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Shirlee Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

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CASE NO: PC 2017-087

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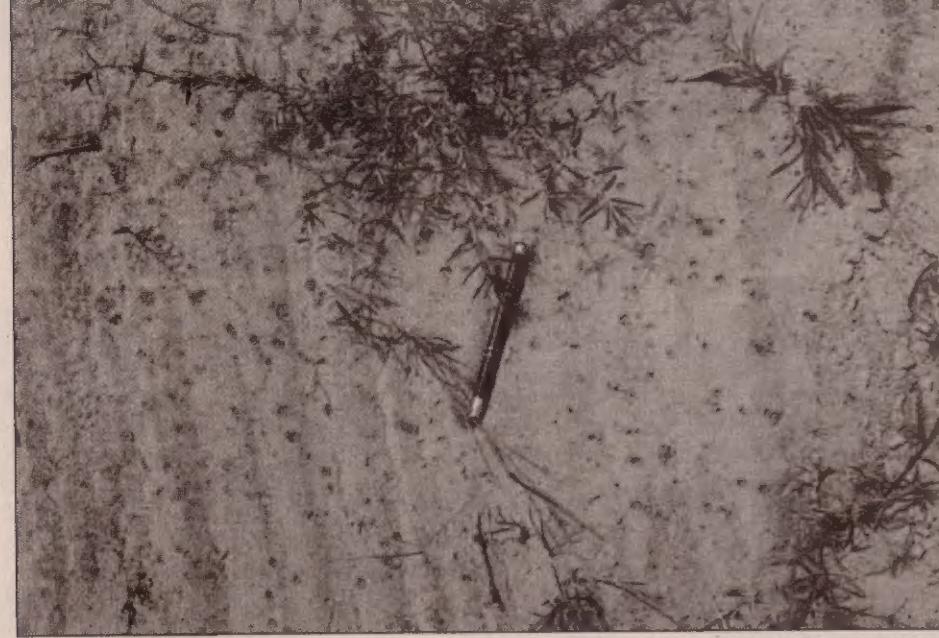
Helicopter attacks unwanted vegetation in growth of young planted pines



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The chopper preparing to distribute the herbicide is shown taking off from its portable landing pad atop the tanker truck hauling the herbicide and water mixture used in the spraying process.



Herbicide droplets are shown on a sandy spot in the field and it is explained that they cover all the trees in the field with this pattern. Only a few drops are needed to kill a broadleaf plant while a young pine may turn a bit yellow, it will not die from the application.



Above the spraying process is at work with the liquid herbicide heading downward toward any tree but the coveted young pine seedlings Coper is being flown by a 20 something year old expert.

Time Limited Forestry

Aerial spraying of herbicides with specially equipped helicopter is designed to kill unwanted trees and trash shrubs from fields of planted pines. Reoving the unwanted vegetation helps the young pine seedlings get a better foothold on the land and surrounding air space.

Ted Vignola, owner of Time Limited Forestry, utilizes aircraft and other modern technics in his planting and managing of pine forest across Coffee and a number of surrounding counties.

Time Limited manages is qualified and equiped to handle all phases of tree farming for landowners, large or small. While some of his clients own thousands of acres, others have much smaller tracks of timber, but each get individual attention.

He advises landowners on when it is time to thin and/or clearcut a tract of land, helps them find someone to harvest the timber and repair any damage to the land.

Ted explains that his crews prepare the land, plant the young pines and make sure they are off to a good start. He can then follow up with a specialty crew that fights the unwanted vegetation that crops up in the cleared ground with only small seedlings to challenge for the sunshine.

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IT'S IN THE PAPER.

SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson Lawson declared he was ready to head back to school last week after being off for almost three weeks, but after being back in class on Friday he stated it was 'really stressful' to have to get up early and sit in class all day. Maybe this week he will settle back into a schedule and everything will be back to normal.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers snapped out of their holiday funk** last week by claiming a pair of wins to push their record to 4-5. The Tigers tipped off area play with a 10-point win over New Brockton and then closed the week with a lopsided 32-point romp over Highland Home as the Tigers finally looked like the team everyone expected to see. The return of junior guard Richmon Singletary from a football injury helped the Tigers' offense run a little smoother, while the continued stellar play of Alex Wright inside proved to much for their opponents to handle. Coach Moguel said the Tigers still have a long way to go to be a contender, but did show improvement and insists with more work will develop into a solid 2A team.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers continued their recent winning ways** and upped their winning streak to four games with wins over New Brockton and Highland Home. Junior guard Sandrea Lindsey led the Lady Tigers in scoring in both games and has begun to take charge on the court, and it looks like Elba will once again be an area title contender by the time the season draws to an end.

*** **It was a busy week back for the teams in the area** as all the teams began to show their fans what to expect for the rest of the season. Kinston is much better than its record may indicate and could make some noise in the area race, while Brantley looks like a shoe-in for post-season play and both New Brockton and Zion Chapel are improving and may have a few surprises up their sleeves. Over with the girls, Kinston has to the surprise team in the area and has a solid chance at making it to the post-season party, while Brantley is a solid bet at advancing, and both New Brockton and Zion Chapel are better than many realize and could still make some noise.

*** **In closing....** all the noise down in Florida about the University of Central Florida declaring itself 'national champs' reminds me of a few years back when Auburn had a really good season and was declared national champs by the newspaper in Eufaula. Like it or not, the championship is won on the field and not over social media, and the folks down in Florida are making themselves look silly.



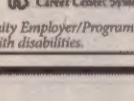
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For further information or to purchase a license, please contact Amy L. Giles at (334) 897-2333.

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James M. Kelley, City Clerk**

Grab area win

Elba Tigers cage Gamecocks 60-50

The Elba Tigers tipped off area play last Thursday night at the Enterprise State Junior College gym and turned back a second half New Brockton rally to down the Gamecocks 60-50.

Elba's Jay Jordan drained a pair of long 3-pointers to help the Tigers open up an early 15-7 lead over the Gamecocks, while the Tigers Vilee Sams poured in eight second quarter points as Elba carried a 34-20 lead in at the half.

New Brockton's Jy'shan Nelson scored seven points in the third quarter that sparked a Gamecock rally that cut the Elba lead to 39-36, but the Tigers regained command in the final stanza behind the scoring of Richmon Singletary and Alex Wright to regain control and pulled away late to claim the 60-50 area win.

Alex Wright scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Jay Jordan added 13 and Richmon Singletary added 11. Jy'shan Nelson scored 13 points to lead New Brockton.

Elba (60): Craighead 2, K. Jordan 3, Ware 3, Sams 9, Singletary 11, J. Jordan 13, Wright 15, Fitzpatrick 1, Hill 3.

N.B. (50): Nelson 13, Perdue 8, McKenna 2, Griffin 6, Hanson 7, Weeks 9, White 5.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers led all the way to claim a lopsided 52-14 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers opened up a 17-5 lead in the opening quarter, stretched the lead to 33-8 by the end of the half and coasted in with the big win.

Trent Sanders scored 12 points and Collin Harrison added 11 to lead Elba, while J.T. Coleman scored 5 points to lead New Brockton.

Elba (52): Moguel 6, Harrison 11, Prince 4, Sanders 12, Douglas 3, Woodard 3, Tyson 3, Terry 4, Medlock 6.

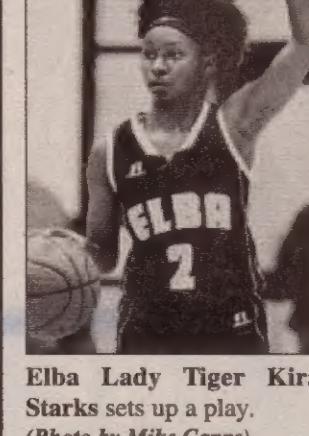
N.B. (14): Reynolds 4, Coleman 5, Smith 2, Lindley 1, McDaniel 2.

Lady Tigers grab two big road wins

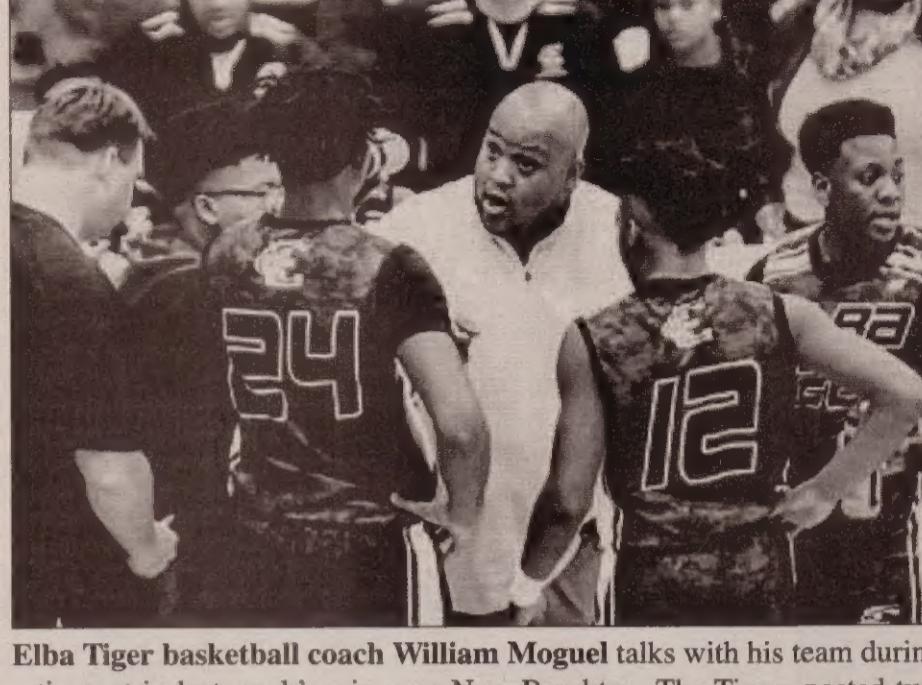
The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice last week and posted two big wins to improve their record to 4-3 on the season.

The Lady Tigers opened area play on Friday night and coasted in with a solid 44-28 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Sandrea Lindsey scored 9 points and Breanna Sanders added 7 points to spark the Lady Tigers, while New Brockton was led by Daisha Nelson and Jaida Goshen with 10 points, apiece.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Highland Home on Saturday afternoon and had to battle for all four quarters to post a 44-40 road win. Sandrea Lindsey scored 12 points and Laken Cooks added 7 points to lead Elba, while Jala Merriweather scored 20 points to lead Highland Home.



Elba Lady Tiger Kira Starks sets up a play.
(Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Tiger basketball coach William Moguel talks with his team during a timeout in last week's win over New Brockton. The Tigers posted two wins last week to improve their record to 5-4.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Tigers ground Squadron 62-30

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Saturday afternoon to post a big 62-30 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron, at Highland Home.

Elba's Alex Wright took charge inside to score six points and Richmon Singletary added four points on driving layups to help the Tigers jump out to a 16-6 first quarter lead, and the Tigers poured it on offensively in the second stanza as Wright added six points during a 26-point outburst as Elba stretched its lead to 42-13 at the half.

Vilee Sams drained a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter as the Tigers lead ballooned to 62-23, and while the Tigers failed to score in the final stanza with a running clock, Elba easily held on to claim the lopsided 62-30 win.

Richmon Singletary scored 17 points to lead Elba and Alex Wright added 13, while Daniel Phillips scored 13 points to lead Highland Home.

Elba (62): Craighead 2, Caldwell 3, Sams 7, Kelley 5, Singletary 17, J. Jordan 6, Wright 13, Hill 9.

H. Home (30): Price 4, Hall 3, D. Phillips 13, N. Phillips 4, Mount 1, Clayton 1, Harris 4.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers survived a scoreless third quarter to escape with a 39-33 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Elba opened up a 12-8 lead after

one quarter of play and stretched its lead to 29-18 by the end of the half, but failed to score in the third period and allowed the Squadron to pull within 29-26 before the Tigers regained command and pulled away to claim the win.

Collin Harrison and Trent Sanders both scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Williams led Highland Home with 8 points.

Elba (39): Harrison 8, Prince 4, Carnley 3, Sanders 8, Woodard 4, Thomas 2, Terry 6, Medlock 4.

H. Home (33): Williams 8, Herbert 3, Harris 7, Bennett 2, Crenshaw 3, Kirby 5, Faulk 5.

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS:

Kinston Bulldogs clawed by Lions 74-30

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never caught up in a 74-30 road loss to the Houston County Lions. Jacob Wood scored 16 points and Hunter Davis added 7 to lead the Bulldogs, while Houston County was led by Zydarrian Brown with 17 points.

Brantley ripped by Panthers 67-44

The Brantley Bulldogs opened area play with a 67-44 loss to the Georgiana Panthers. Maravious Payton scored 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Panthers, while Jamarcus Sims added 10 points and 11 rebounds and Christian Williams scored 10 points.

Zion Chapel outscored by Long 93-58

The Zion Chapel Rebels were outscored by the G.W. Long Rebels 93-58. Christian Turner scored 13 points to lead the Rebels, while Matt Snell scored 22 points to lead G.W. Long.

Kinston Bulldogs cage Gamecocks 34-33

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed an exciting 34-33 win over county-rival New Brockton. Jacob Wood scored 22 points to spark the Bulldogs to the win.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Florala 52-36

The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a hard fought 52-36 decision to the Florala Wildcats. Jacob Wood scored 15 points and Hunter Davis added 14 to lead the Bulldogs.

GIRLS:

Brantley edged by Georgiana 47-46

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs tipped off area play with a disappointing 47-46 loss to the Georgiana Lady Panthers. Olivia Jones scored 21 points and Gabby Perkins added 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Tah'Ja Hebert scored 13 points to lead Georgiana.

Lady Bulldogs drop 48-22 area clash

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped a 48-22 area contest to the Houston County Lady Lions. Courtney Lunsford scored 10 points to lead Kinston, while Faith Hogan led Houston County with 16 points.

Lady Rebels fall hard to G.W. Long 55-21

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 55-21 decision to G.W. Long. Willow Johnson scored 9 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Mary Beth Long scored 25 points to lead G.W. Long.

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS:

Brantley drops Highland Home 49-34

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 49-34 win over Highland Home. Yasmine Upshaw scored 16 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Gabby Perkins added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Lady Bulldogs edge Luverne 37-34

Brantley's Olivia Jones nailed a long range 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift the Lady Bulldogs to a 37-34 win over Luverne. Cassidy Wilcox scored 14 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Olivia Jones added 12 points, all coming on 3-pointers.

Kinston flattens Florala 55-50

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in an exciting 55-50 win over Florala. Courtney Lunsford scored 18 points to lead Kinston, while Kelsi Caldwell added 14 and Faith Peters scored 10.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 11

Highland Home at Kinston
New Brockton at Wicksburg
Georgiana at Brantley

Friday, Jan. 12

Elba at Zion Chapel
Houston County at Kinston

Monday, Jan. 15

Daleville at Elba (1:00)

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Elba at Samson
Cottonwood at Zion Chapel
Florala at Kinston
Highland Home at Brantley

Thursday, Jan. 18

New Brockton vs. Kinston
(ESCC)
McKenzie at Brantley

COMMUNITY NEWS

Republican Women of Coffee County to hear candidates for District 91 of House of Representatives at Jan. 17th meeting

Three candidates for District 91 House Representative will be speaking at the Wednesday, Jan. 17, meeting of the Republican Women of Coffee County to be held at the Enterprise Country Club.

The seat is currently held by Representative Barry Moore, who is running for the Alabama U.S. Congressional District 2 seat.

All three are Coffee County businessmen.

Rhett Marques is the owner and manager of Goodson Tire and Auto Center and a former member of the Enterprise City Council. Lister Reeves is an entrepreneur and owner of RBI Properties. Clarke White is the general manager of Southern Hearing Associates.

Marques, Reeves, and White will face off in the upcoming June 5th Republican Primary. The winner will go on to run in the Alabama General Election in November.

Alabama Supreme Court Justice Glenn Murdock will also address the group.

Justice Murdock was born in Enterprise and is a 1974 graduate of Enterprise High School. He attended the University of

Alabama, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude in 1978, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics.

Murdock received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1981 from the University of Virginia Law School. After working as a private practice attorney, he was elected to Alabama Court of Civil Appeals in 2000. In 2006, he was elected to the Alabama Supreme Court, and was re-elected in 2012.

In the last few days, Justice Murdock announced his resignation, effective Jan. 16, in order to explore other professional opportunities and other ways in which he might be of service to Alabama.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with social time. The \$12 optional buffet begins at 11:30 (cash or check only), and the speakers will address the group beginning at noon.

The public is invited to attend, but reservations are necessary in order to ensure adequate seating and food. Please call 334-308-9377 or email rwcreservations@gmail.com, for reservations and indicate whether or not planning to eat.

Troopers investigate 23 traffic fatalities during 17-day holiday travel period

Alabama State Troopers investigated 23 traffic deaths during the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday travel period, which was from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, to midnight Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

The total is significantly lower than the total from the same period in 2016, when Troopers investigated 31 traffic fatalities. The fatal traffic crashes occurred in Autauga, Baldwin, Calhoun, Choctaw, Colbert, Coosa, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dallas, DeKalb, Escambia, Geneva, Limestone, Mobile, Russell, St. Clair, Shelby and Washington counties. Those killed were 16 drivers, four passengers, two pedestrians and one bicyclist.

Of those who died in these traffic crashes, 20 were traveling in vehicles

equipped with seat belts, but 11 of them were not using them. Nothing further on these crashes is available as Troopers continue to investigate.

Troopers did see five zero-fatality days during this holiday travel period – including Christmas Day and New Year's Day. In addition, Troopers wrapped up 2017 with fewer traffic fatality investigations than the previous year. In 2017, Troopers investigated 598 traffic deaths, 73 fewer than 2016's 671 traffic deaths.

Still, the motoring public is encouraged to drive responsibly: Buckle up, obey speed limits, avoid driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and avoid driving when distracted. Do pay attention to the task of driving, and #arrivealivealabama.

Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District accepting scholarship applications

The Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a \$500.00 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association.

Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, high school senior, and living in the State of Alabama. Applications may

KHEAA offers tax tips for students

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from KHEAA—Alabama to help the process go more smoothly.

Although you may not have earned enough to be required to file, you may be able to get a refund if your employer withheld taxes from your pay. Before you file, discuss the situation with your parents. They may be able to claim you as a dependent, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.

Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.

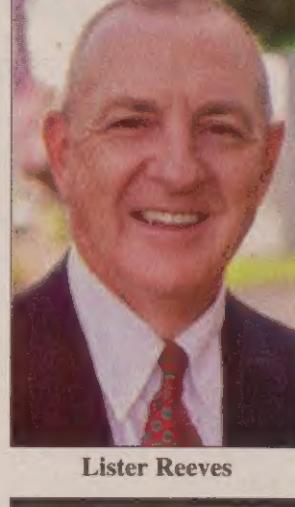
Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education



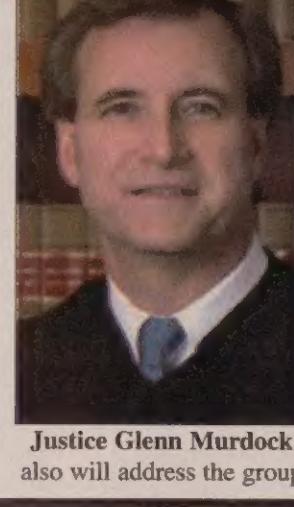
Clarke White



Rhett Marques



Lister Reeves



Justice Glenn Murdock



Jared Dawkins [age 13], grandson of Ted and Diane Vignola of Elba, killed his first deer Friday, Dec. 29, while hunting with his granddad, Ted Vignola.



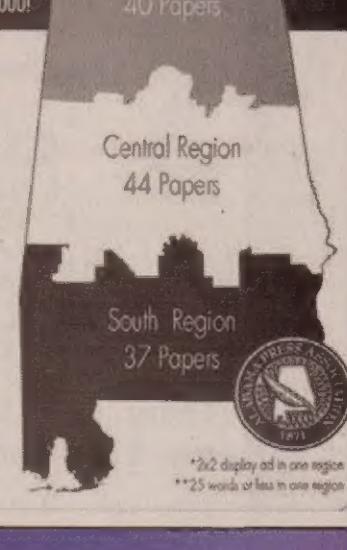
Grace Cline killed her first buck while hunting in Coffee County near Huckleberry Pond. He was a fat rascal!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE:

Coffee County officials announced Thursday, Jan. 4, that a portion of Coffee County Road 342 [approximately 0.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 87] is scheduled to be closed Wednesday, Jan. 10, and Thursday, Jan. 11, for drainage improvements.

Also, beginning Monday, Jan. 22, the Coffee County Highway Department will begin replacing drainage pipes under County Road 479. Portions of CR 479 will be close from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 22-Jan. 25th. Officials note that weather delays could affect the projected closing dates for these two projects.

Alabama AG extends deadline for nominations of 2017 Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence

Attorney General Steve Marshall is extending the deadline for nominations of the 2017 Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence until February 26.

The Attorney General's Office will honor private school winners from north, central and south Alabama, in addition to the winners from each of the state's eight public school board districts.

"These awards offer a valuable opportunity to honor schools that are suc-

ceeding with outstanding safety plans, to recognize procedures that work well and to encourage implementation of these methods throughout Alabama to keep our children safer," said Attorney General Marshall.

Attorney General Marshall plans to visit winning schools this spring to personally present the award in honor of each school's accomplishment. Applications will be accepted through February 26.

An application form with more information about criteria for the awards may be found at the Attorney General's website at <http://www.ago.state.al.us/Documents/File-Safe-Schools-Nomination-Form.pdf>.

The nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges.



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SBI officials meet with family and attorneys of 17-year-old juvenile injured during Dec. 23rd arrest incident in Troy, Ala.

On Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, representatives from the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation and the Pike County District Attorney's Office met with immediate family members, and their attorneys, of the 17-year-old juvenile arrested by the Troy Police Department on December 23, 2017.

SBI's standard practice is to meet with at least one member of the immediate family in all its Use of Force type investigations, if at all possible. These meetings are to: introduce the family to the SBI representative thereby providing the family with an SBI point-of-contact, explain

AUM's overall online bachelor degree offerings recognized

U.S. News & World Report has recognized Auburn University at Montgomery's online degree offerings <<http://online.aum.edu/>> among the best in the country.

The new rankings edition includes nearly 1,500 distance education degree programs, with AUM earning a slot among the 2018 Best Online Bachelor's Programs (#210), and among the discipline-specific ranking of online graduate degrees in Education (#168). AUM offers 25 online degrees and programs.

"These programs represent the university's growing online offerings to serve distance learners and help working students access Auburn University at Montgomery's world-class education through a platform that is convenient and affordable," said AUM Chancellor Carl A. Stockton.

Completing a four-year degree online may be the

the investigative process to the family, and address questions and/or concerns of the family.

In this case, an attorney representing the juvenile required, in writing, that all communication from SBI to the family be made through the attorney's office. SBI complied with this request and awaited a date and time that agreed with the family and their attorneys.

It is understandable for members of the family and other concerned citizens to have questions. It is SBI's responsibility to collect, report and communicate all related facts in a proper

legal manner so that the criminal justice system is best equipped to render a finding.

SBI does not condone any premature releases of information that could jeopardize the rights of all involved parties and/or undermine the course of justice.

SBI welcomes more interaction with the family and the juvenile through their attorneys, as needed to ensure the family is kept as informed as possible, and to ensure that all related facts and evidence are documented.

Troy Police arrested the juvenile in the area of

most practical way to obtain the knowledge and credentials working adults with some college credit might need to boost their careers working, according to U.S. News.

U.S. News assessed schools based on four general categories: student engagement; student services and technology; faculty credentials and training; and peer reputation.

Exhibit celebrating African women to open Thursday at Rosa Parks Museum

A new exhibit celebrating African women and their artistic practices will

open Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Rosa Parks Museum at Troy University's Montgomery Campus.

"Power and Beauty: Women in African Art" from the Collection of Donald and Kaye Kole celebrates the variety and complexity of African women and their artistic practices. Focused primarily on historical African art forms and concepts, many of which were developed prior to the late 20th century, the exhibited works display the impact women have made historically in the sphere of African arts and culture.

An opening reception for

the exhibit will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, in the museum's gallery.

More than 600 million women live in Africa today. They inhabit the big cities and small villages of 54 African nations. They represent hundreds of different cultures and speak over 1,000 different languages.

They are Christians, Muslims, and practitioners of indigenous belief systems.

They work as community leaders, professionals, wage earners, agricultural laborers, and in household enterprises.

Many women in Africa

also face political conflict

and barriers to education,

healthcare, economic

opportunity, and basic

human rights.

The experiences of contemporary

African women are as

diverse, sophisticated, and

challenging as their many

histories.

Many of the forms represented in the exhibition were intended to be worn, danced, handled, or displayed in living contexts and dynamic situations.

Some are still in use in Africa today, while others have been replaced by contemporary forms.

Like African women, African

men have an avid interest in African art.

He recently established the

Savannah African Art

Museum with the assistance of Director and

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"We are especially grateful to Donald and Kaye

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